## ORDINARY MEETING.

## FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1899.

Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Mr. W. Crouch and Dr. H. Woodward were appointed Auditors of the Accounts of the Society for the year 1898.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Notes on the Anatomy of Trachycystis, Dorcasia, and Isomeria." By W. Moss and W. M. Webb, F.L.S., etc.

2. "Illustrations of, with Notes on some, Non-Marine Hawaiian Mollusca." By E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.L.S., etc.

- 3. "Descriptions of new Non-Marine Mollusca from the Hawaiian Islands." By C. F. Ancey.
  - 4. "Note on Voluta Roadnighta." By Agnes Kenyon.

Mr. P. Lawson exhibited a manuscript catalogue of British shells

drawn up by a Mr. Longstaff early in this century.

Mr. A. S. Kennard exhibited a specimen of Physa heterostropha, Say, an American shell living in a pond near Birmingham. Mr. G. B. Sowerby exhibited a fine group of Area Now obtained near Naples, and some brilliantly coloured Unionidæ from Sugar Lake, Wisconsin.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

## FRIDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1899.

Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Mr. H. W. Burrows and Mr. A. S. Kennard were appointed Scrutineers.

The following Report was read:—

"Your Council, in presenting their sixth Annual Report, have again to chronicle a year of steady progress, although the membership of the Society unfortunately shows a slight decrease as compared with that of last year.

The roll on December 31st, 1898, stood as follows:—

| Ordinary members      | <br>      |       |      |       | 94  |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| Corresponding members | <br>••••• | ••••• | •    | ••••• | 14  |
|                       |           | T     | otal | ••••• | 168 |

the totals for the two preceding years being 173 in 1897, and 162 in 1896.

During the past year six members have resigned, while the Society has further to deplore the loss of five of its members by death, and of one member who has been removed through the operation of Rule X. The Society has thus lost 12 members, while only seven new members have been elected.

The finances of the Society are in a flourishing condition. After payment of all liabilities there remains a balance of £26 18s. 5d. in the Treasurer's hands, whilst the sum of £50 still remains invested in Metropolitan  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. stock.

The number of papers communicated to the Society in the year was

thirty-two, attributable to twenty authors.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, three more numbers of the 'Proceedings' have been issued, forming the first half of Vol. III, comprising 186 pages, with ten plates and numerous illustrations in the text.

Your thanks are due to the following who have borne a proportion of the cost of the illustrations, or who have assisted by furnishing drawings:—J. F. Babor, the Rev. R. Ashington Bullen, R. H. Burne, O. Collett, G. C. Crick, S. I. Da Costa, Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, J. C. Melvill, J. E. S. Moore, E. A. Smith, G. B. Sowerby, H. Suter, E. R. Sykes, W. M. Webb, M. F. Woodward. Further, your thanks are specially due to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness the Society, as in previous years, has been permitted to hold its meetings in Burlington House."

On the motion of Dr. W. T. Blanford, seconded by Mr. H. W. Burrows, the above was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The following were elected Officers and Council for the year 1899:—

President.—W. T. Blanford, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.

Vice-Presidents.—Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc.;
Prof. G. B. Howes, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.; J. Cosmo Melvill,
M.A., F.L.S., etc.; E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

Treasurer.—G. F. Harris, F.G.S., etc.

Secretary .- Martin F. Woodward.

Editor .- B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., etc.

Six other Members of Council.—R. H. Burne, B.A., F.Z.S., etc.; H. W. Monckton, F.L.S., etc.; R. B. Newton, F.G.S., etc.; E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.L.S., etc.; Lieut.-Col. L. W. Wilmer; Henry Woodward, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Retiring Officers, the Auditors, and the Scrutineers.